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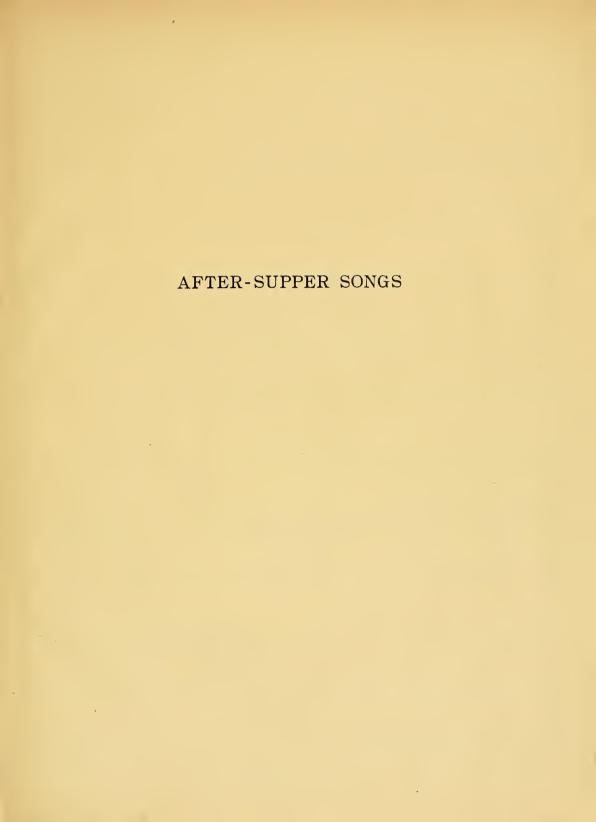
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THE LITTLE BOY WHO SINGS THEM
THESE SONGS ARE DEDICATED

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#### The Choo-Cars

1

Hark, the whistle blows!

The train is rushing by.

Like the wind it goes,

It fairly seems to fly!

Hear the ringing bell,

Hear the deafening noise!

What delight the choo-car brings,

How it whizzes, how it sings,

To please the little boys!

2

Some day you and I
Will travel far away;
On the train we'll fly:
Come, what do you say?
All aboard the train!
Hear the deafening noise!
What delight the choo-car brings,
How it whizzes, how it sings,
To please the little boys!

### The Choo-Cars



The Barber

1

With scissors gleaming in the sun
The barber stands all ready;
I climb into his funny chair
And he says, "Now sir, steady!"

Clip, clip, clip, clip, clippity,
Clip, clip, clip, clip, clippity,
Won't I look funny, all shaven and shorn?
Clip, clip, clip, clip, clippity,
Clip, clip, clip, clip, clippity!
Off go my curls as sure as you're born!

2

He puts his apron 'round my neck,
And parts my hair so quickly;
The shears begin their funny work;
It makes me feel quite prickly.

Clip, clip, clip, clip, clippity,
Clip, clip, clip, clip, clippity,
Won't I look funny, all shaven and shorn?
Clip, clip, clip, clip, clippity,
Clip, clip, clip, clip, clippity!
Off go my curls as sure as you're born!

### The Barber



#### The First Trousers

1

What d'you think I am going to wear, Now that the barber has clipped my hair? Wait 'till you see me, I'm sure you'll stare At my very first new trousers!

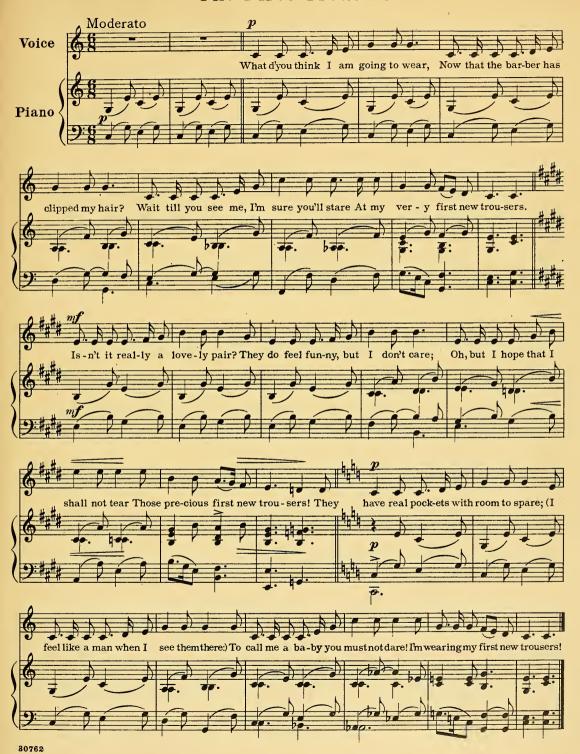
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Isn't it really a lovely pair?
They do feel funny, but I don't care.
Oh, but I hope that I shall not tear
Those precious first new trousers!

3

They have real pockets, with room to spare; (I feel like a man when I see them there;)
To call me a baby you must not dare!
I've got on my first new trousers!

## The First Trousers



#### The Bath

1

Evry morning, bright and early, Splash into the tub he goes: How he shakes the drops about him! How he tingles, how he glows!

2

In his crib, so snug and cozy
When he opens first his eyes,
Oh, he feels extremely drowsy,
He'd much rather not arise.

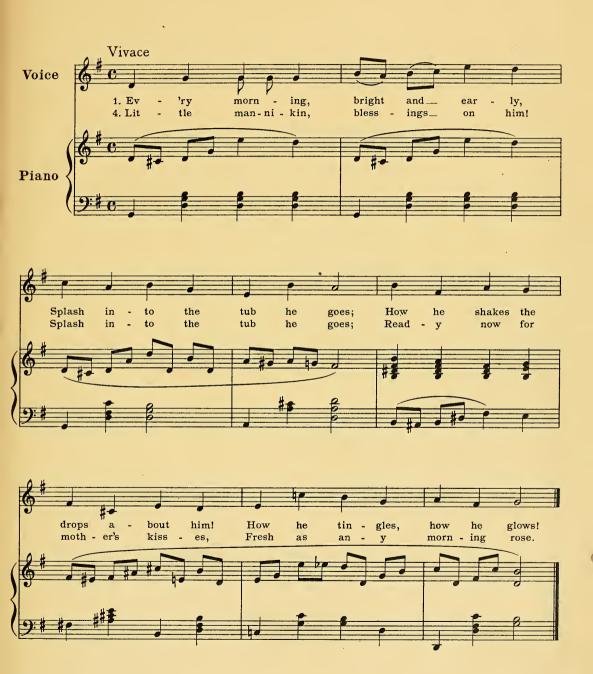
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But when once he's in the water
No more sleepiness for him!
Nursey knows, for he has taught her
How to help him float and swim.

4

Little mannikin, blessings on him!
Splash into the tub he goes;
Ready now for Mother's kisses,
Fresh as any morning rose.

# The Bath



#### The Small Letter-Carrier

1

Open the door, please, Mother dear!
I've a letter for you to-day;
I'm the postman, and cannot wait,
Please do not delay.

2

Letters and papers and postal cards,

Something for Father and something for you;

Ting-a-ling, ting-a-ling, open the door!

I have so much to do!

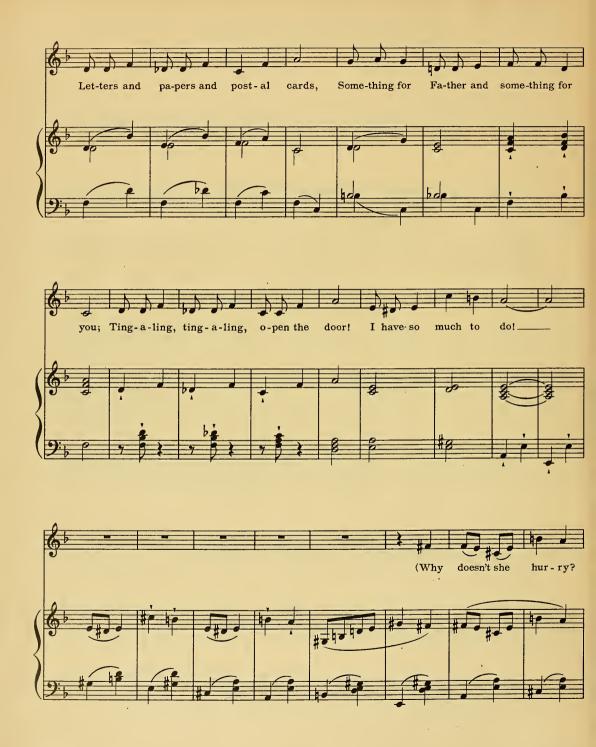
(Why doesn't she hurry? I must be off.)

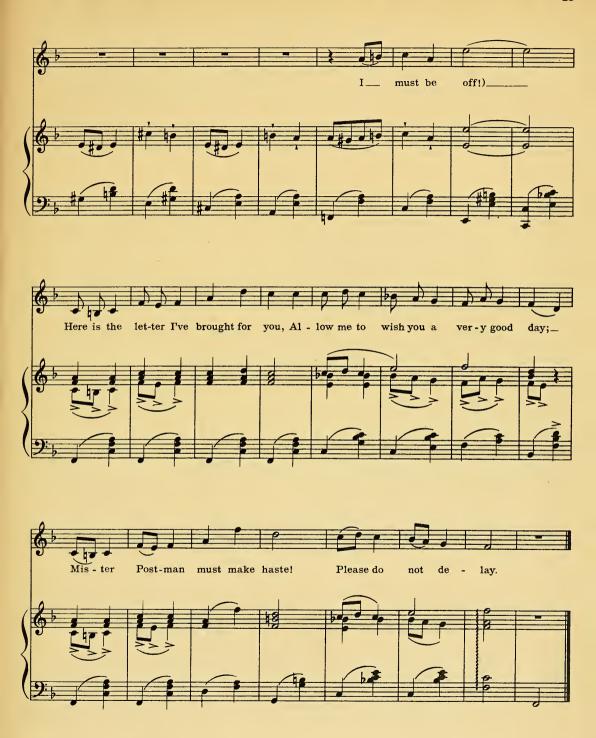
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Here is the letter I've brought for you,
Allow me to wish you a very good day;
Mister Postman must make haste!
Please do not delay.

# The Small Letter-Carrier







#### Tally-Ho!

1

Crack the whip, bowl along!
The coach speeds on!
Mind the reins, hold them tight!
What glorious fun!
Horses four to pull the coach
Two by two,
That's the way I love to drive,
I tell you!

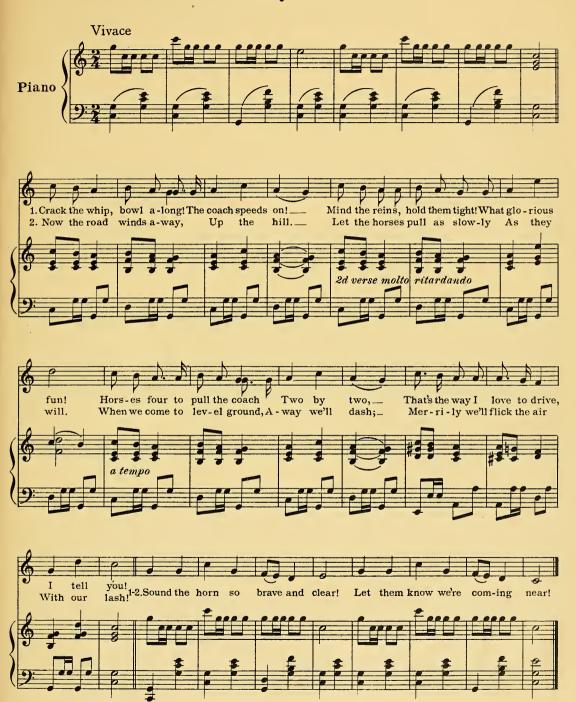
Sound the horn so brave and clear! Let them know we're coming near!

2

Now the road winds away,
Up the hill.
Let the horses pull as slowly.
As they will.
When we come to level ground,
Away we'll dash;
Merrily we'll flick the air
With our lash!

Sound the horn so brave and clear! Let them know we're coming near!

# Tally-Ho!



#### To Mother's Old Photograph

1

Oh, quaint little girl, are you truly my mother?

The lady I love is so big and so tall!

You seem a real baby like me or another,

But how could you ever have been quite so small?

9

Your queer little gown doesn't look like my dresses, Your arms and your fat little neck are all bare; Did you leave them like that for your mother's caresses? And what would you think of the clothes that I wear?

3

Your eyes are so earnest, so deep and so shiny,
Of whom were you dreaming, so long, long ago?
You didn't know Father, for he, too, was tiny,
So it must have been somebody else that I know.

4

Were you thinking of me then? I fancy it may be.
Could you look at the future, so dim and so far?
I wish I had known you, dear old-fashioned baby!
But, Mother, I love you the best as you are.

# To Mother's Old Photograph



#### The Christmas-Tree

1

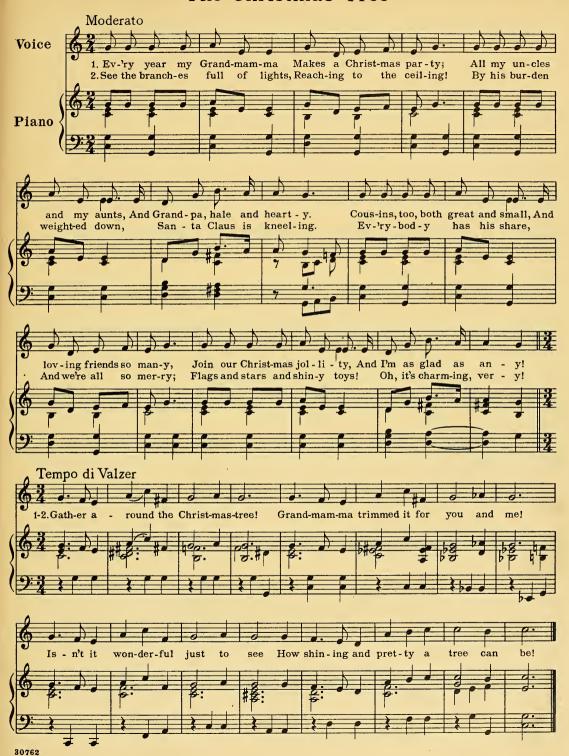
Ev'ry year my Grandmamma
Makes a Christmas party;
All my uncles and my aunts,
And Grandpa, hale and hearty;
Cousins, too, both great and small,
And loving friends so many,
Join our Christmas jollity,
And I'm as glad as any!

Gather around the Christmas-tree!
Grandmamma trimmed it for you and me!
Isn't it wonderful just to see
How shining and pretty a tree can be!

2

See the branches full of lights,
Reaching to the ceiling!
By his burden weighted down,
Santa Claus is kneeling.
Everybody has his share,
And we're all so merry;
Flags and stars and shiny toys;
Oh, it's charming, very!

Gather around the Christmas-tree!
Grandmamma trimmed it for you and me!
Isn't it wonderful just to see
How shining and pretty a tree can be!



### The Little Black Bear Named Strawberry

1

My little bear is like a clock,
I wind him with a key;
He gives a growl and off he starts
Across the floor to me.

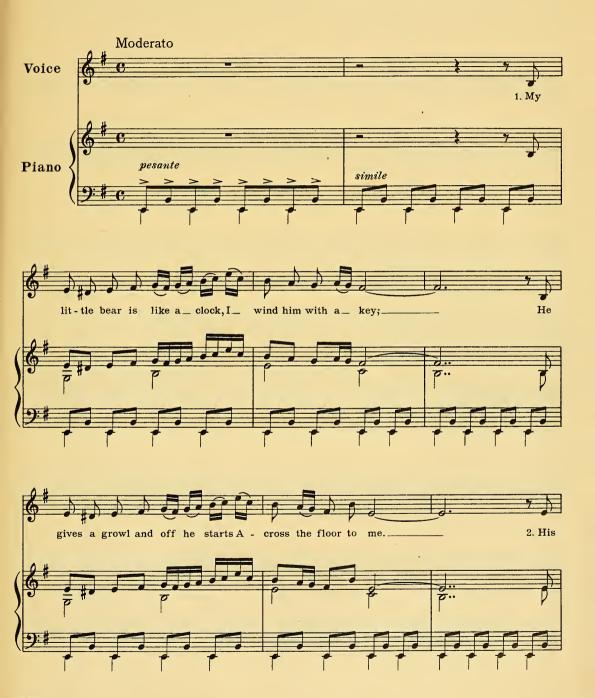
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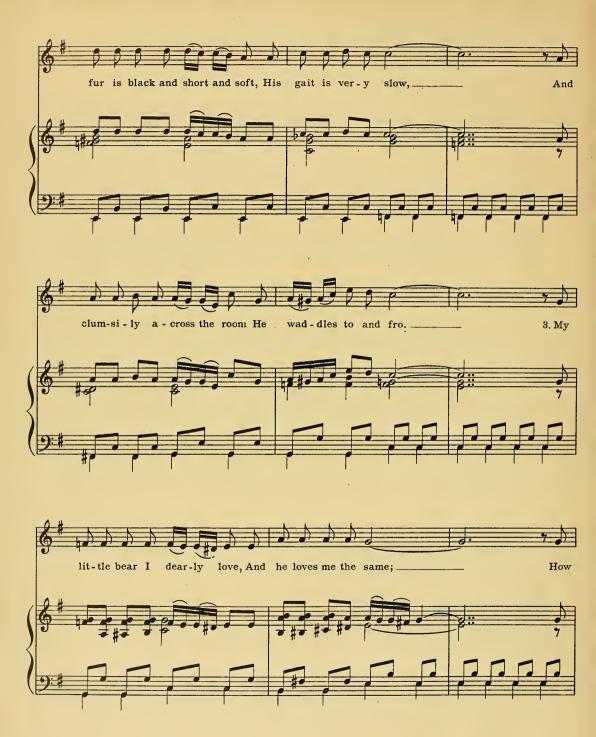
His fur is black and short and soft, His gait is very slow, And clumsily across the room He waddles to and fro.

3

My little bear I dearly love,
And he loves me the same;
How many times we're had our fun!
I am so glad he came!

# The Little Black Bear Named Strawberry







#### March

1

Tramp 'round the room, Look right ahead! Shoulders held firm! Straight little head!

2

Hold up your gun!
(Father's cane will do,)
March to and fro, dear,
Keep time so true!

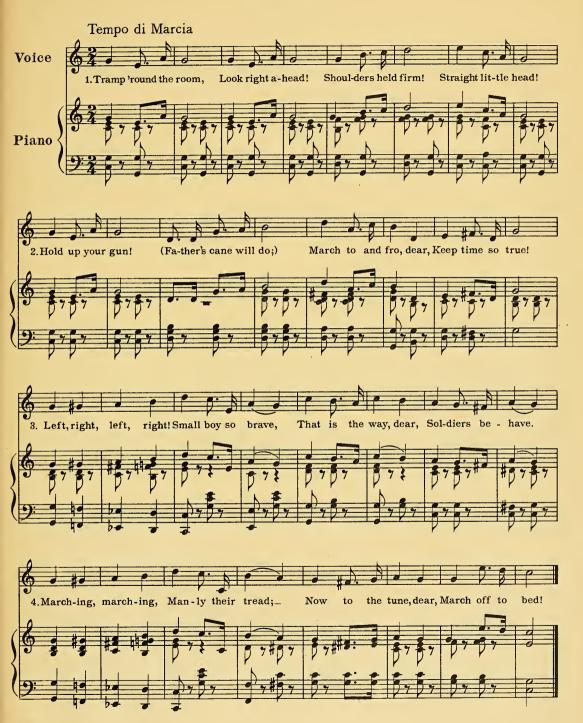
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Left, right, left, right!
Small boy so brave;
That is the way, dear
Soldiers behave.

4

Marching, marching, Manly their tread, Now to the tune, dear, March off to bed!

### March



### Nap-time

1

Oh, why must I leave my choo-cars, In a nursery dark to lie? It's only a minute since breakfast, Yet sleepy again am I.

2

'Tis strange how the choo-cars absorb one,
The glittering wheels are so bright!
I've played with them ever since morning,
And I'd like to play on till night.

3

But just as I wound my choo-cars,
My eyes began quickly to close,
So I've put them back into the round-house
To wait till I've had my doze.

# Nap-time



## The Wriggler

1

I love to turn and twist myself,

To fling my arms and legs about;
I love to wriggle all the live-long day,

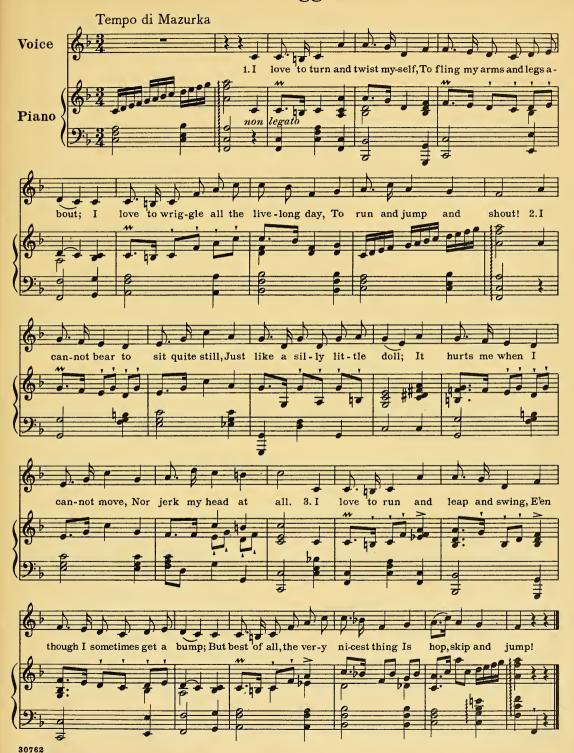
To run and jump and shout.

2

I cannot bear to sit quite still,
Just like a silly little doll;
It hurts me when I cannot move,
Nor jerk my head at all.

9

I love to run and leap and swing, E'en tho' I sometimes get a bump; But, best of all, the very nicest thing Is hop, skip and jump!



### The Red Balloon

1

O, who will catch my pretty red balloon,
And bring it from the sky?
Before I knew,
Away it flew,
And travelled off so very high.

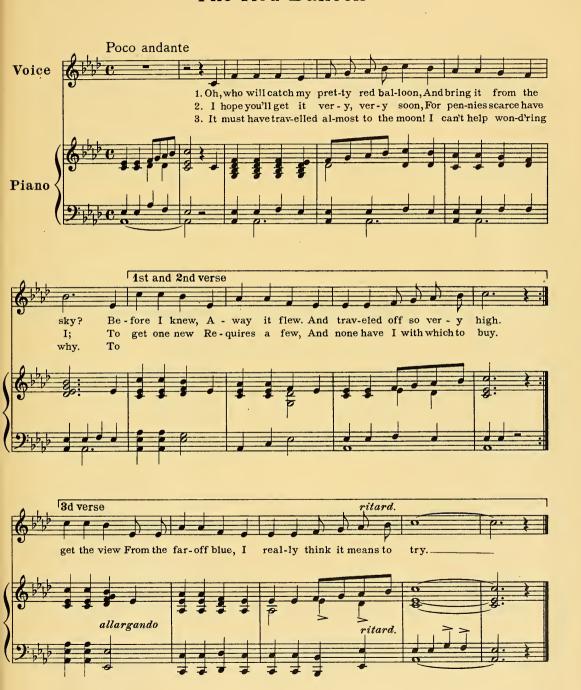
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I hope you'll get it very, very soon,
For pennies scarce have I;
To get one new
Requires a few,
And none have I with which to buy,

3

It must have traveled almost to the moon!
I can't help wondering why.
To get the view
From the far-off blue
I really think it means to try.

# The Red Balloon



### The Lake

1

Rolling, rolling, from the far off water,

Long waves creeping, creeping to the shore;

Dark and gray and capped with foam mysterious,

Rushing, tumbling, always more and more.

2

What has made the kind old lake so restless?

Some grim secret troubling all its peace?

Shine, dear Sun, and bring us back its smiling!

South Wind, blow, and bid its fretting cease!

## The Lake



### Somersaults

1

Over I go!

Isn't it funny work

To get the proper quirk,

With never too hard a jerk?

Head over heels!

See how I make the spring?

It's really a very curious thing!

2

At it again!

Put my head down low,

Curl up my back just so,

Ready to make the throw.

Plunkety-plunk!

Into the pillow dive,

And first I know, my legs arrive!

# Somersaults



#### Four Years Old

1

Sing, oh, sing so loud and cheerful,
Make the music gay!
Sing your very prettiest greeting
On this happy day.
If you ask me why we're singing
With such eager joy,
Oh, we have the best of reasons,
Dearest little boy!

For this is Johnnie's birthday, His birthday, his birthday, For this is Johnnie's birthday, Hes four years old.

2

What is this so bright and shining
Coming on in state?

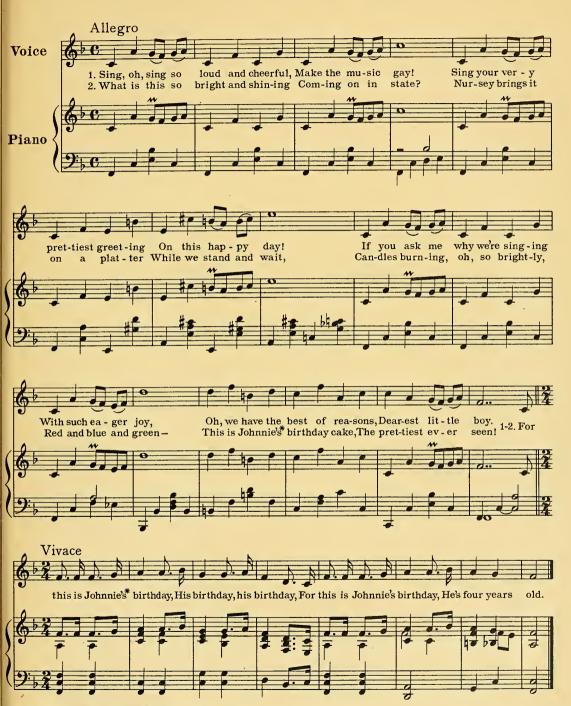
Nursey brings it on a platter
While we stand and wait.

Candles burning, oh, so brightly,
Red and blue and green —

This is Johnnie's birthday cake,
The prettiest ever seen!

For this is Johnnie's birthday, His birthday, his birthday, For this is Johnnie's birthday, Hes four years old.

## Four Years Old



\* "Johnnie" may be replaced by any child's name.

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### Bread and Milk for Supper

Bread and milk! Bread and milk!

Bread and milk for supper!

Evry day the same old thing!

Bread and milk for supper!

Can't you think of something new?

Something else will surely do!

I'm so tired (you would be, too)

Of bread and milk for supper!

# Bread and Milk for Supper



#### A Wish

I wish I were an engineer
My choo-cars back and forth to steer!
Across the country, to and fro,
My train and I would swiftly go.
When I am grown to be a man
I'll surely do it, if I can.
I'd rather be an engineer
Than lead a prince's proud career!

### A Wish









#### Now It Is Bed-time

Now it is bed-time, all the clocks are striking,
Go, little man, and dream of your singing;
What songs we've sung and shall sing to-morrow,
Good night, my darling, blest be your sleep!
Dream of the music most to your liking,
Dream of the words that bright thoughts are bringing,
Glad has the day been, go without sorrow;
Good night, my darling, blest be your sleep!

## Now It Is Bed-time



### Asleep

1

Ah, my baby, there thou'rt sleeping,
Flung across thy little bed;
Through another day hast wandered
Smiles hast harbored, tears hast shed.

2

Couldst thou know, my winsome baby,
What thou hast revealed to me What of Nature's deepest beauty,
What of Life's immensity!

3

Through thy guileless, untaught chatter
Love has shown its essence deep;
I must bow before the greatness
Of my little child asleep.

# Asleep







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